

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2021-34-E ORDER NO. 2021-31-H

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CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Annual Update on Demand Side Management Programs and Petition to Update Rider

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Petition to Intervene of South Carolina Coastal Conservation League and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

This matter comes before the Chief Hearing Officer on the Petition to Intervene of South Carolina Coastal Conservation League ("CCL") and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy ("SACE") (together, "the Petitioners.") No objections to the Petition to Intervene have been filed.

Under Commission regulation, the Commission must determine whether or not the petitioning party has clear factual support or grounds for the proposed intervention. S.C. Regs. 103-825A(3) requires that parties filing a Petition to Intervene in a matter pending before the SC Public Service Commission must set forth clearly and concisely:

- (a) The facts from which the nature of the petitioner's alleged right or interest can be determined;**
- (b) The grounds of the proposed intervention;**
- (c) The position of the petitioner in the proceeding.**

CCL has members in South Carolina who receive electricity service from Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated ("DESC") and would be subject to the impacts of the Company's DSM/EE programs and proposed DSM Rider. CCL was a party to Docket No. 2009-261-E, and to the settlement agreement adopted and approved by the Commission in Order No. 2010-472, in which the Commission approved DESC's initial DSM/EE programs and rider. SACE has members who receive electricity service from DESC and would be subject to the impacts of the Company's DSM/EE programs and proposed DSM Rider. SACE and its members are interested in promoting greater reliance on demand side management and energy efficiency to meet South Carolina's energy needs.

Petitioners have participated in prior DESC annual DSM/EE update dockets (CCL participated in Docket Nos. 2011-49-E, 2012-55-E, 2013-50-E, 2014-44-E, 2015- 45-E, 2016-40-E, 2017-35-E, 2018-42-E, and 2019-239-E; SACE participated in Docket Nos. 2012-55-E, 2013-50-E, 2014-44-E, 2015-45-E, 2016-40-E, 2017-35-E, 2018-42-E, and 2019-239-E), as well as Docket No. 2013-208-E, in which DESC's current cost recovery and incentive mechanism was established. Petitioners also participate in the DESC DSM advisory group process established in Docket No. 2009-261-E.

Petitioners assert that they seek to intervene in this proceeding to advocate for their members' interests in promoting energy savings through demand side management and energy efficiency. If allowed to intervene, Petitioners state that they will submit comments and/or testimony and participate in a public hearing, should the Commission decide to hold one.

Pursuant to these facts, this Hearing Officer holds that the Petitioners have successfully satisfied the criteria for intervention stated in the Commission Regulation. Their interest in this matter can clearly be discerned, as can the grounds for the intervention. Further, their position is clearly stated.

As previously noted, there are no objections to the intervention. Accordingly, the Petition to Intervene of South Carolina Coastal Conservation League and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy is hereby granted in this Docket. This ends the Chief Hearing Officer's Directive.